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TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

Bill Number/Version/Author of Bill: HB559 / Introduced / White
Completion Date of Fiscal Note:

Bill Summary:

This bill amends portions of Chapter 46, Parks and Wildlife Code to require that TPWD waive the fee on a fishing license for a resident who is 85 years old or over. This bill is effective 9/1/2021.

Fiscal Impact:

TPWD estimates a revenue loss to GRD-9 of \$76,682/year or \$383,410 for the five year period 2022-2026.

Methodology:

TPW 46.002(a) waives the fishing license requirement for Texas residents with a birth date before January 1, 1931 (who would have just turned 90 years old). Therefore, the fiscal impact is for those residents age 85-89, who would receive a free fishing license that would otherwise purchase a license under current law.

Using FY2020 data and the birthday of customers, TPWD estimates a revenue loss to fishing only and combo hunting/fishing licenses at \$101,581 per year. Assuming those customers that purchased a combo license were still interested in hunting, TPWD estimates a revenue gain of \$24,899 for those customers to purchase a hunting only license and hunting endorsement stamps if applicable (archery, migratory game bird, upland game bird).

Thus, the net revenue loss is estimated at $(\$101,581) + \$24,899 = \$76,682$ per year.

Technology:

No technology impact anticipated.

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Technology Impact	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Summary of Fiscal Implications:

	Fund #	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Probable GAIN to:						
Probable (LOSS) to:						
0009 GRD Game, Fish and Water Safety	A0009	(76,682.00)	(76,682.00)	(76,682.00)	(76,682.00)	(76,682.00)
Probable SAVINGS to:						
Probable (COST) to:						
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

FTEs

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Method of Financing

	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total MOF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Local Government:

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